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SUBJ: 29TH GA--THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ORGANIZATION

FOR PERSONS CLAIMING BENEFIT OF STATELESSNESS CON-

VENTION (AGENDA ITEM 99)

REF: USUN 5336

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TEXT OF RES ON THIS ITEM APPROVED BY THIRD COMITE. OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATION IN QUESTION LED BY SOVIET BLOC WHO ARGUED THAT GA SHOULD NOT RESPOND TO THE INTERESTS OF ONLY THE SIX STATES WHICH HAD SIGNED THE CONVENTION. IN COURSE OF DEBATE SPONSORS (WHO ARE THE SIX SIGNATORIES) ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE TEXT:

A. OP PARA 1: "TO ASSUME" CHANGE TO "PROVISIONALLY TO UNDERTAKE" AND ADD AT END OF PARA "AFTER THE CONVENTION HAS COME INTO FORCE";

B. OP PARA 2: TO READ "DECIDES TO REVIEW NOT LATER THAN AT ITS 31ST SESSION THE OPINION OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE ARRANGEMENTS HE SHALL HAVE MADE IN THIS REGARD WITH A VIEW TO TAKING A DELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BODY ENVISAGED UNDER ARTICLE 11

OF THE CONVENTION."

- 2. FOLLOWING LENGTHY PROCEDURAL DEBATE, COMITE REJECTED MOTION (24-34-(US)-43) TO VOTE FIRST ON POLICH ORAL "AMENDMENT" WHICH IN EFFECT WOULD HAVE DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM TO 31ST GA.
- 3. RESULT OF ROLL CALL VOTE ON RES AS AMENDED WAS 35(US)-11-59. VOTING AGAINST WERE BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIA, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR, HUNGARY, MONGOLIA, POLAND, SAUDI ARABIA, UKRAINE, USSR. SUPPORT FOR RES CAME FROM WEOS, LA (CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, MEXICO, URUGUAY), JAPAN, LAOS, AND SCATTERING OF AF COUNTRIES (IVORY COAST, KENYA, LESOTHO, MALAWI, NIGERIA, SIERRA LEONE, SWAZILAND, TANZANIA).
- 4. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME IN THEIR COMITE THIS SESSION THAT SOVIET BLOC HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GARNER VOTES FROM OUTSIDE OR, FOR THAT MATTER, THAT KEY AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR OF ISSUE TO WHICH SOVIET BLOC STRONGLY OPPOSED. HOWEVER, KEY TO VOTING PATTERN WAS EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS REFLECTING GENERAL ARABAFRICAN INDIFFERENCE TO THIS ITEM.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING THE CONVENTION ON THE REDUCTION OF STATELESSNESS OF 28 AUGUST 1961 AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS ARTICLES 11 AND 20 REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BODY TO WHICH A PERSON CLAIMING THE BENEFIT OF THE CONVENTION MAY APPLY FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM AND FOR ASSISTANCE IN PRESENTING IT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY,

NOTING THAT THE CONVENTION WILL COME INTO FORCE ON 13 DECEMBER 1975,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE NOTE AND THE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/9691),

CONSIDERING THE PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSAL TO REQUEST THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO ASSUME THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RESPONSIBILITIES,

1. REQUESTS THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER

FOR REFUGEES TO ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS FORESEEN UNDER THE CONVENTION ON THE REDUCTION OF STATELESSNESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ARTICLE 11.

2. DECIDES TO REVIEW, NOT LATER THAN AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION, THE ARRANGEMENTS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE MADE IN THIS REGARD. UNQTE SCALI

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